

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 23 and 25 remain pending in the application.

Allowable Claims

The Applicant again thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 8 is allowed, and for the indication that claims 10, 12-14, 15, 21, 22 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections.

Claims 9-15, 21, 23 and 25 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 9-15, 21, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

In the Amendment dated September 27, 2004, claims 9-15, 21, 23 and 25 were amended herein to more clearly recite that the plurality of sound signals include multiple sources without reflections, and multiple sources each with reflections. These claims are additionally amended herein to more clearly recite that the input is adapted to receive a plurality of positions, the plurality of positions comprising any one of multiple sources without reflections, and multiple sources each with reflections.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 and 16-19 over Chen

Claims 1-7 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,500,900 to Chen et al. ("Chen"). Claims 1 and 16-19 were canceled in the Amendment dated September 27, 2004, thereby mooting the rejection in that regard.

Moreover, that Amendment amended dependent claims 2-7 to depend from **allowable** claim 8. Thus, claims 2-7 remain allowable for all the reasons that claim 8 is allowable.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 2-7 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 9 and 11 over Kamada

Claims 9 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,995,631 to Kamada et al. ("Kamada"). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

In the Amendment dated September 27, 2004, claim 9 (and dependent claim 11) were amended herein to include the subject matter of **allowable** claim 10. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9 and 11 remain allowable for all the reasons that claim 10 is allowable.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 9 and 11 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Terminal Disclaimer

Attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of a patent issuing hereon beyond the statutory limit of U.S. Pat. No. 5,500,900 to Chen.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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